

## Small Business

### Megazyme wins overall prize at SFA's National Small Business Awards

Bray-based Megazyme International Ireland has won the overall SFA National Small Business Award 2013.

Megazyme International Ireland is a cutting edge biotechnology company employing 34 people and involved in the development and supply of innovative analytical test kits and reagents for the agricultural, food, wine, dairy and biotechnology industries.

The six category winners were:

Manufacturing: Moll Industries Ireland

Food & Drink: Celtic Pure

Services: McGee Pharma International

Outstanding Small Business (up to 5 employees): Celtic Rider

Innovator of the Year: Megazyme International Ireland

Environmental Sustainability: M&T Plant Hire

The awards were presented last night by Minister for Small Business, John Perry at a ceremony in Trinity College. This is the ninth year of the SFA National Small Business Awards, which are organised by the Small Firms Association.

“Megazyme Ireland is a perfect example of a small Irish business punching above its weight on the international stage,” said SFA chairman, AJ Noonan. “The scale of growth and the ability to effectively manage an ever evolving business is a real testament to management and staff at Megazyme. They have a long history with the SFA Awards as category winners and I am delighted to present them with the Overall Award for 2013.”

“The companies here tonight are the engines of our economic recovery,” he said. “Collectively they employ over 550 people and predict that by 2014 this number will have grown to over 620. They play a critical role in sustaining and creating local employment and their contribution to the economy cannot be over emphasised. These small businesses will lead the way in helping Ireland to recover faster and stronger.”

“Awards like these are important as they give well deserved recognition to the entrepreneurial efforts of the men and women in the small business sector, right across our country, whose continued commitment, drive and hard work plays a central role in our future economic advancement,” said Minister Perry.

“The ability of small businesses to succeed and grow will underpin our future potential for jobs, growth and prosperity. SMEs will be a key driver of the economic recovery across the country and indeed Europe, and this Government is committed to supporting this key sector.”

The awards are sponsored by Enterprise Ireland, Bord Bia, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, Chartered Accountants Ireland, AIB, O2 and the Emerging New Business category is sponsored by the County and City Enterprise Boards.

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